



arts NOW grants

Final Narrative Report, FY2024

Final Narrative Report Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Nebraska Department of Education, in partnership with the Nebraska Arts Council, is pleased to provide funding for arts education projects to Nebraska's school districts.

Program Description

The Arts NOW Grants are provided to public school districts in Nebraska serving students in grades K through 12 for arts education projects that help them achieve excellence in arts education while implementing the [Nebraska Standards in the Fine Arts](#). These funds are intended solely for project completion of immediate need and must demonstrate the impact on arts learning.

This reimbursement grant must expend funds and provide documentation of receipted expenses no later than 11:59 PM CT on February 15, 2024. Reimbursements will be processed only if all documentation has been completed.

Grant recipients will submit a final narrative report by 11:59 PM CT on Monday, May 1, 2024. This report will demonstrate the impact of the Arts NOW Grant program.

This is a one time grant, with no possibility of renewal, due to the availability of the funds that have been awarded from the National Endowment for the Arts to the Nebraska Arts Council and then to the Nebraska Department of Education. This grant program cannot be continued to another fiscal year. CDFA #45.025 Promotion of Arts Partnership Agreements.

The [Arts NOW Grants website](#) contains all documents for the Arts NOW Grants Program.



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Please use the grant email for all communication pertaining to the Arts NOW Grant program.

The mission of the Nebraska Department of Education is to lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.

Program Partnership

The Arts NOW Grants are provided to school districts through a partnership with the Nebraska Arts Council. Funding for this grant program has been generously provided by Nebraska Arts Council, whose mission is to promote, cultivate, and sustain the arts for the people of Nebraska. Visit the [Nebraska Arts Council website](#) to learn more.



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Preview Copy

This document is provided as a **preview copy** of the narrative report in order to assist you in preparing your report. The fillable report will be sent to you via AdobeSign email. If you require it earlier, you may contact nde.artsedgrants@nebraska.gov and request it be sent to you. The narrative report form that is sent to you will have fillable spaces for your answers and come pre-loaded to move to your authorized representative for signature.

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PREVIEW COPY.

NDE Arts NOW Grant Project Number

Enter the NDE Arts NOW Grant Project Number found on your Arts NOW Grant Award Notification.

School District Name

Enter the name of the public school district. This information will be used for the project activity location.

County-District Number

Enter the county-district number of your school district.

Contact Person

Identify the point of contact in your school district from the Arts NOW Grant Program. This individual may be different than your authorized representative and should be the same as your grant application.

Title of Contact Person

Enter the role of your contact person.

Phone Number of Contact Person

Enter the best number to reach the contact person.

Email of Contact Person

Enter the email address for the contact person.

Address of School District Office

- Enter the street address and/or PO Box of the school district.
- Enter the city of the school district office.
- Enter the state of the school district office.
- Enter the ZIP code of the school district office.

Single or Multiple Site Impact

Please indicate if this grant project impacted a single site or multiple sites.

- A. Single Site or Building
- B. Multiple Sites or Buildings

Building or Site Names

Enter the name of the building(s) in which this grant program has benefited.

Websites of School Districts, Buildings and Arts Education Programs

List the website address of the school district, buildings, and specific arts education programs for this grant project.

Social Media of School District, Buildings, and Arts Education Programs

List the application (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and applicable identifier for the social media of the school district, building, and arts education programs for this grant project.

NeMTSS Region

Indicate the [NeMTSS region](#) in which your school district is located.

- a. Region 1
- b. Region 2
- c. Region 3
- d. Region 4
- e. Region 5

Arts Subject Area

Indicate the subject area(s) of the Arts NOW Grant project.

- 1. Dance
- 2. Music – instrumental, vocal, or general music
- 3. Music – opera or music theatre
- 4. Theatre – including storytelling
- 5. Visual Arts
- 6. Design Arts
- 7. Crafts
- 8. Photography
- 9. Media Arts
- 10. Literature – must also include visual arts, media arts, dance, music, or theatre
- 11. Interdisciplinary – integrating more than one subject area
- 12. Folklife/Traditional arts

Students

Provide the total number of students enrolled in your school district.

Student Impact

Provide the total number of students who have been impacted by your Arts NOW Grant Project.

Grant Category

Indicate the grant category for which your school district applied.

- a. Projects up to \$9,999 will impact 999 or fewer students.
- b. Projects between \$10,000 and \$14,999 will impact 1000-4,999 students.
- c. Projects between \$15,000 and \$20,000 will impact 5,000 students or more.

Arts Now Grant Project Final Narrative

Describe the project and how it has helped your school district achieve artistic excellence while implementing the Nebraska's Fine Arts Standards. Cite specific examples of how the project helped you achieve high quality instruction in arts education. Limit of 500 words.

Arts NOW Grant Project Impact

Describe the overall impact the Arts NOW Grant project had on your school, students, teachers, and school district. Include how the project impacted specific student groups. Limit of 500 words.

Measurement of Outcomes

Describe the success of the grant project. How did the outcomes help guide educator effectiveness? How did the project inform further instruction? Limit of 250 words.

Sharing Your Grant News

By accepting an Arts NOW Grant, you agreed to acknowledge the NDE, NAC and Nebraska Cultural Endowment (NCE) in all advertising, news releases, printed programs, on social media, and any other promotional and publicity materials. Acknowledging NDE, NAC, and NCE support emphasizes the importance of partnerships and government funding for arts education. For complete information on Sharing Your Grant News, refer to the section with the same name in the Arts NOW Grant Award Packet. If using twitter, you are encouraged to mention @NDE_FineArts, @NEArtsCouncil, and @NebraskaCulture, and use #FineArtsEdNebraska and #ArtsNOWGrant.

Describe how you shared the impact of the Arts NOW Grant with your students, parents, community, and stakeholders. Please include specific artifacts such as pictures, articles, posters, advertising, printed programs, or screen shots of social media, etc. Narrative limit of 250 words. Artifact limit of 10 MB size.

Retaining Income and Expense Records

All monetary expenses require documentation and/or verification. Your school district must keep these expense records for review at any time. Expense verification occurs in the final report or in audits. *You must keep all financial records for three years, so they are available for a selective audit.*

Submitting Your Final Narrative Report

Upon form submission, a docusign email will be sent to your school district's authorized representative. The Authorized Representative will need to sign and submit the completed, signed Arts NOW Narrative Report to nde.artsedgrants@nebraska.gov by 11:59 PM CT, Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Signatory

Signature of Contact Person

Please sign and date the final narrative report.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Please sign and date the final narrative report.

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Report has been received.

NDE Grant Administration Staff